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Judy Giniger, Director
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Dear Ms. Giniger:

This letter officially transmits the 2005 Public Transportation Benefit Area (PTBA) and Unincorporated Public Transportation Benefit Area (UTBA) population estimates.

Population estimates are based on the Department of Revenue 2005 sales tax second quarter electronic PTBA boundaries. Due to varying coverage, PTBA estimates are derived from a combination of methods. When PTBAs match a standard geography (i.e., city or county) population estimates are taken directly from the Office of Financial Management (OFM) official April 1 Washington State population estimates. When PTBAs consist of county parts, population estimates are derived from the OFM Forecasting Small Area Estimate Program (SAEP).

The 2005 estimates are not directly comparable to prior estimates due to methodological changes. Preceding estimates used Census 2000 population-to-housing ratios to estimate current population based on current housing stock. The SAEP marks significant improvements by making use of local building data as well as adjustments to persons per household and occupancy rates that have occurred over the past five years. It is important to note that because of methodological changes, some PTBA estimates are lower in 2005 than in 2004. It is likely the prior estimate procedure overestimated population in these PTBAs by not accurately capturing increases in vacancies since 2000.

If you have any questions regarding these figures or methodology, please contact me at (360) 902-9815 / Kyle.Reese-Cassal@ofm.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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TABLE 1. Official April 1, 2005 Population Estimates of Public Transportation Benefit Areas (PTBA) and Unincorporated Transportation Benefit Area (UTBA)

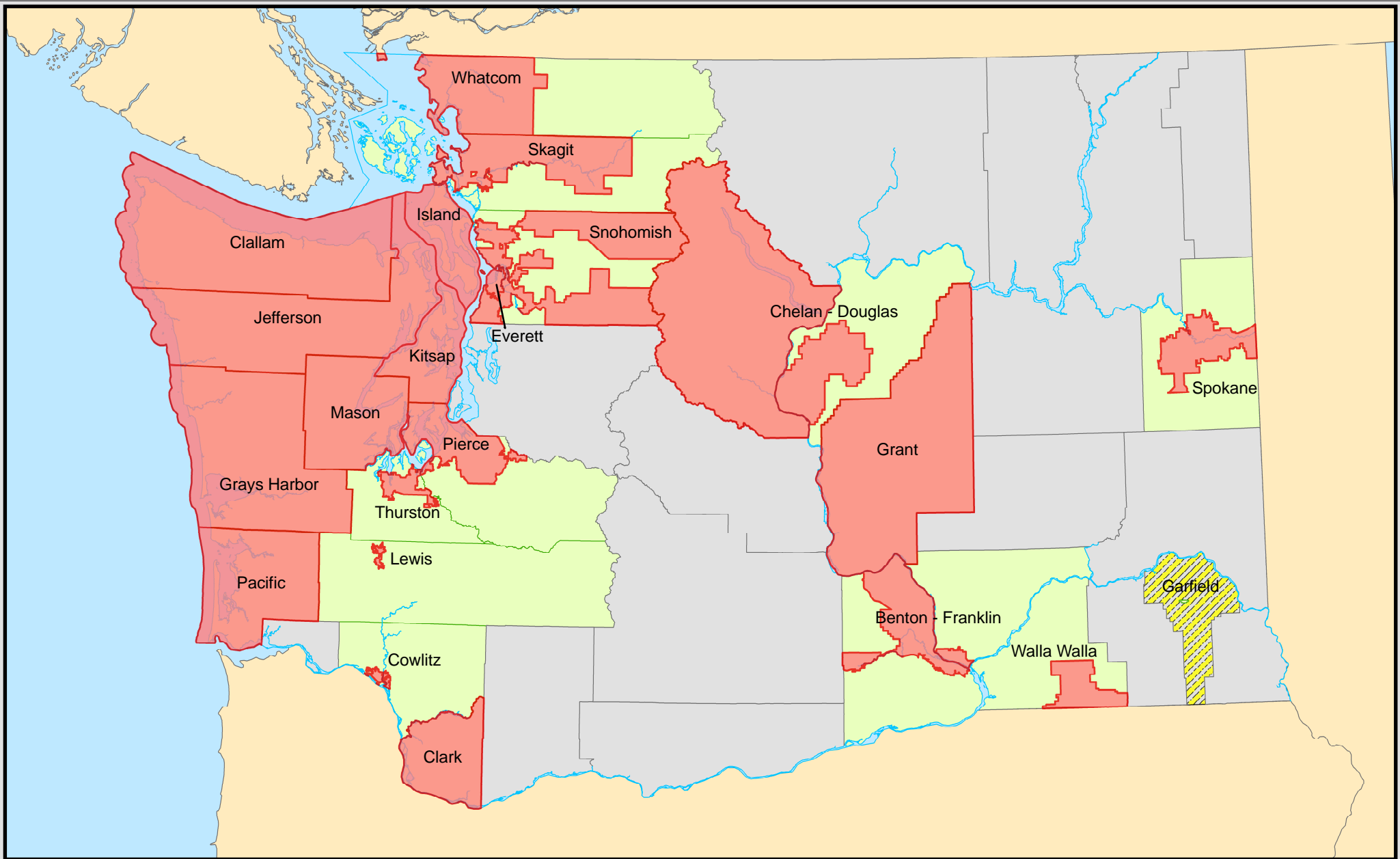
PTBA	Population
Benton/Franklin	190,038
Benton	142,684
Franklin	47,354
Chelan/Douglas	97,033
Chelan	69,200
Douglas	27,833
Clallam	66,800
Clark	391,414
Cowlitz	47,250
Everett	97,500
Grant	79,100
Island	76,000
Jefferson	27,600
Kitsap	240,400
Lewis	22,330
Mason	51,900
Pacific	21,300
Pierce	705,018
Skagit	96,779
Snohomish	365,485
Spokane	381,426
Thurston	138,304
Walla Walla	47,914
Whatcom	180,668
UTBA	
Garfield	885

**TABLE 2. 2005 Public Transportation Benefit Areas (PTBA) and
Unincorporated Public Transportation Benefit Area (UTBA) Descriptions**

PTBA	Total County	Part County	Cities	Description
Benton/Franklin	#			
Chelan/Douglas	*	#		All of Chelan, part of Douglas
Clallam	*			
Clark	#			Clark County less part of Woodland City
Cowlitz			*	Kelso and Longview
Everett			*	
Grant	*			
Island	*			
Jefferson	*			
Kitsap	*			
Lewis			*	Centralia and Chehalis
Mason	*			
Pacific	*			
Pierce	#			PTBA includes population from McChord Airforce Base and Ft. Lewis Army Base
Skagit	#			
Snohomish	#			
Spokane	#			
Thurston	#			
Walla Walla	#			
Whatcom	#			
UTBA				
Garfield	#			Garfield County less Pomeroy

* = Derived from OFM's official April 1 Washington State population estimates

= Derived from OFM's Small Area Estimate Program



Legend

- PTBA
- UTBA
- WA County Boundaries

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Public Transportation Benefit Areas & Unincorporated Public Transportation Benefit Areas: 2005 *2nd Quarter Boundaries



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